SECOND REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 760

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources, February 16, 2006, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 490.733, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to hazardous materials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 490.733, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof to be known as section 490.733 to read as follows:

enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 490.733, to read as follows:
490.733. 1. As used in this section, the term "hazardous materials" means

any substance which is capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety

3 and property. It shall include any controlled substance or controlled substance

4 analogue as defined in section 195.010, RSMo, or any substance which by its

5 nature is explosive, flammable, corrosive, poisonous, radioactive, a biological

6 hazard or a material which may cause spontaneous combustion. It shall include,

7 but not be limited to, substances listed in the Table of Hazardous Materials

8 contained in the Code of Federal Regulations-Title 49 and the National Fire

Protection Association's Fire Protection Guide on Hazardous Materials.

10 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 575.100, RSMo, [and with the

11 approval of the affected court,] any law enforcement officer who seizes hazardous

12 materials as evidence related to a criminal investigation may collect

13 representative samples of such hazardous materials, and destroy or dispose of,

14 or direct another person to destroy or dispose of the remaining quantity of such

15 hazardous materials. Once the law enforcement agency has documented

16 the hazardous materials as provided in subsection 3 of this section, the

17 agency may dispose of the representative samples of such materials

18 and shall do so in accordance with all applicable provisions of section

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19 260.200 to 260.434, RSMo.

- 3. Due to the danger posed by exposure to representative samples of hazardous materials, in any prosecution, [representative samples of hazardous materials accompanied by] photographs, videotapes, laboratory analysis reports or other means used to verify and document the identity and quantity of [the material] hazardous materials shall be deemed competent evidence of such hazardous materials and shall be admissible in any proceeding, hearing or trial as if such materials had been introduced as evidence.
- 4. In any prosecution for violation of chapter 195, RSMo, in which the weight or quantity of a controlled substance is an element of the offense, the weight or quantity of the controlled substance necessary to prove the element of the offense shall be held as evidence; except that, any amount of controlled 31 substance in excess of that which is necessary to prove the offense may be 32destroyed at the direction of the seizing law enforcement officer. Photographs, 33 videotapes and laboratory analysis reports shall be admissible in any proceeding, hearing or trial as if such excess amount of controlled substances had been 3435 introduced as evidence.



